copies of sanction orders and other connected books of account and papers to the Gram Sabha for the purpose of conducting the social audit.

(d) and (e) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is likely to be implemented in 200 districts of the country in the first phase of its implementation. Out of these 200 districts, 150 districts are those districts where National Food for Work Programme is presently in operation. These 150 most backward districts of the country have been identified on the basis of index of backwardness indicated by SC/ST population, agricultural productivity per worker and agricultural wage rate. The additional 50 districts where NREGS is likely to be implemented have so far not been identified.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme

†865. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the districts, State-wise, wherein the National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme has been implemented alongwith the dates of its implementation;

(b) whether the work pertaining to the Constitution of Central Employment Guarantee Council, State Employment Guarantee Council, the Standing Committees on district level and the appointment of districts programme Coordinator for this purpose has been completed;

(c) if not, by when Constitution/appointments for these bodies in all the districts will be completed; and

(d) what is the amount of money provided so far district-wise, and the amount proposed to be made available during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of the Act. The Act is likely to be implemented in 200 districts of the country in the first phase of its implementation. The process of identification of the districts has so far not been completed.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) and (c) The Central Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted with effect from such date as the Central Government may, by notification, specify. The notification under Section 10(1) of the Act has so far not been issued. The State Employment Guarantee Council shall be constituted by the State Government under provisions of Section 12 of the Act. The District Programme Coordinator will be appointed by the State Government under Section 14(1) of the Act.

(d) The NREG Act, 2005 has so far not been launched in any of the districts and hence no funds have been provided so far for the implementation of the programme. The funds proposed to be made available in the first phase of implementation of the Act are estimated to be of the order of Rs.17, 103 crore.

Implementation of NREGS in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri of Tamil Nadu

866. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to notify the districts for implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts of Tamil Nadu have been included; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL) : (a) to (d) The National Rural Employement Guarantee Act (NREGA), 2005 has been notified in the Gazette of India on 7th September, 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of The Act. The 200 districts where the Act is likely to be implemented in the first phase have not yet been identified.

Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in Karnataka

867. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has been implemented in Karnataka;